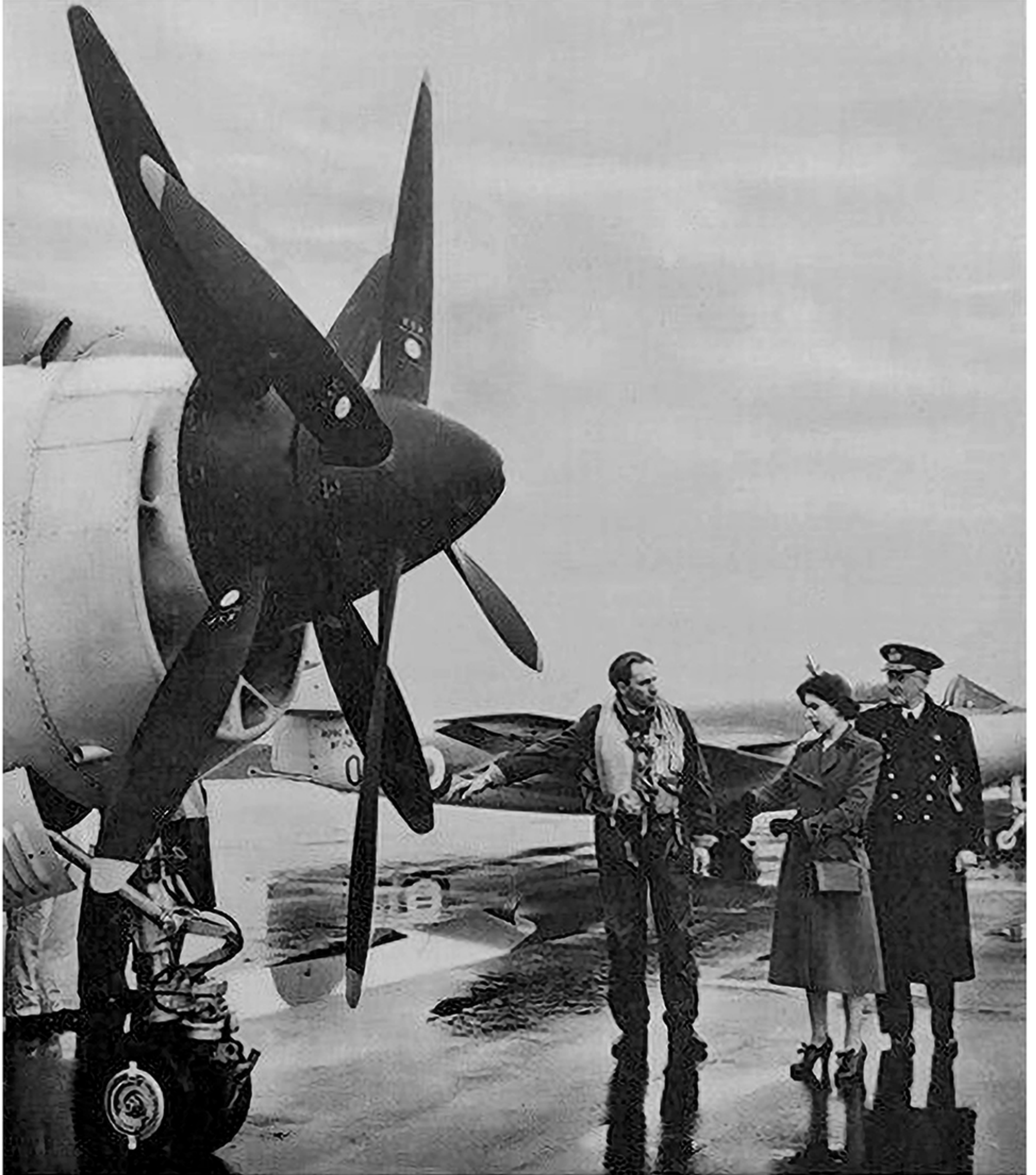


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HER MAJESTY'S FIRST VISIT TO NAVAL AIR COMMAND: QUEEN ELIZABETH EXAMINING THE NAVY'S NEW ANTI-SUBMARINE AIRCRAFT, THE FAIREY TURBOPROP GANNET, AT LEE-ON-SOLENT.

On November 21 the Queen paid the first visit of her reign to the Navy's Home Air Command at Lee-on-Solent. During her drive from Brockhurst she was escorted by two Westland Sikorsky S.51 helicopters from the Helicopter Training Squadron based at Gosport. After inspecting a guard of honour, she drove along the runway, where were assembled over 100 aircraft representing all types used in the Navy, and detachments from all the sixteen stations in the Command. She also inspected a review party and examined the prototype of

the Navy's new anti-submarine aircraft, the *Gannet*. After she had taken luncheon in the ward-room with Vice-Admiral C. E. Lambe (Flag Officer [Air] Home), she watched from the control tower a fly-past of aircraft of eleven squadrons, headed by eight helicopters and including *Meteors*, *Sea Hawks*, *Vampires*, *Attackers*, *Sea Hornets*, *Sea Furies*, *Firebrands* and *Fireflies*. This is probably the first occasion on which a fly-past has been headed by helicopters. A picture of the fly past appears on a later page.